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Dranesville Dispatch

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Dear Dranesville Resident,

Welcome to the May 2012 issue of the Dranesville Dispatch.

On May 1, the Board of Supervisors adopted the County's budget for Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013). As usual, the budget was adopted after a substantial outreach effort to identify the community's budget priorities. Here in Dranesville, we held public meetings in Herndon, Great Falls and McLean on the County Executive's Advertised Budget. The Board of Supervisors also held three public hearings during the week of April 8 that allowed individuals and organizations to address the full Board with their issues and concerns about the budget. For the fourth year in a row, the Dranesville Citizens Budget Task Force, headed by Dranesville resident Rip Sullivan, held several meetings to discuss the budget and then prepared an excellent report on budget priorities that I shared with the full Board. I also received numerous communications from Dranesville residents expressing your concerns and budget priorities. As a result of this extensive and very helpful input, I believe the budget the Board adopted is a good and balanced reflection of our community's many diverse interests and concerns. I have included a statement on the FY2013 Budget in this newsletter.

On April 10, the Board of Supervisors voted to confirm the County's participation in Phase II of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project. The Board of Supervisors accepted the terms and conditions of the December 14, 2012 agreement between the U.S. Department of Transportation, VDOT, Fairfax County, Loudoun County, WMATA and MWAA. That agreement outlines the financing obligations of each of the entities. Unfortunately, the State continues to evade its obligation to help fund this vital transportation and economic development project. Therefore, the Board also directed staff to continue to pursue alternative financing sources to relieve the burden on Dulles Toll Road users. The Loudoun County Board has not yet decided whether Loudoun County will participate in Phase II. Without their participation, I believe we will still be able to extend rail to Dulles Airport, but the project will be delayed since we will be required to revise funding agreements and environmental studies to reflect that the rail line will end at the airport rather than extending into Loudoun.

Of course, the budget and Dulles Rail are not the only recent activities that affect Dranesville residents. I am pleased to report that several pedestrian projects were recently completed, including a walkway on Spring Hill Road and intersection improvements on Westmoreland Street and at Whittier Avenue and Old Dominion Drive. Please take a few minutes to review this newsletter for articles on these items and other news, special events, and updates on projects throughout Dranesville, including the temporary relocation of my office.

Please share this newsletter with your friends and neighbors who may not be on our distribution and encourage them to sign up with my office to receive future editions. As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions on issues affecting you and your communities. It is a privilege to serve you and I thank you for the opportunity.

Best Wishes,

John W. Foust

Dranesville District Supervisor

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Attention Homeowner Associations:

If you are interested in having Supervisor Foust attend your Homeowner Association or Civic Organization meeting, please contact the Supervisor's Executive Assistant, Dianne Peikin, at 703-356-0551.

Please provide us with the latest contact information for your Association Officers so that we may keep you better informed of events in Dranesville that may impact you and your neighborhood.

Call (703) 356-0551 or email Julie Ide at Julie.Ide@fairfaxcounty.gov with your latest information.

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Who's Who at Dranesville District Offices

For a more detailed list of staff assignments, visit our website at
http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville/staff_assignments_by_subject_new.htm.

Herndon Office

Our office in the Town of Herndon is dedicated to serving constituents in the western-most part of Dranesville. Staff Aide, **Jennifer Boysko**, is available specifically to assist Herndon area constituents.

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Supervisor Foust's Office Temporarily Relocating During Renovation of McLean Governmental Center

The McLean Governmental Center at 1437 Balls Hill Road, will soon be undergoing a major renovation effort to expand the facilities for the McLean District Police Station. While the renovation is underway, the McLean office of Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust will be temporarily relocated. The project is estimated to take two years.

Effective Monday, May 7, the temporary site of the Dranesville Supervisor's office will be 6649-A Old Dominion Drive, McLean 22101, in the McLean Square Shopping Center (also known as The Balducci's Shopping Center). This is the same location that housed the Dolley Madison Library during its renovation in 2010 and 2011.

Supervisor Foust and his staff will still be reachable at their current telephone number and at their existing email addresses.

During the renovation period the McLean Police will still be located in the Governmental Center at 1437 Balls Hill Road. The public community room at that site, however, will not be available. In-person absentee voting for the general election in November has been moved to the Dolley Madison Library at 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue in McLean.

For more information about the renovation and the move please call Ben Wiles in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 356-0551.



Supervisor Foust's Statement on FY2013 Budget, FY2012 Third Quarter Review and 2012 Park Bond

FY2013 Budget: On May 1, the Board of Supervisors adopted the County's FY2013 Budget (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013) on a vote of 8 to 2. I voted for the budget.

Tax Rate and Stormwater Rate: Increasing the tax rate by half a penny and reducing the advertised stormwater rate by half a penny maintains the same effective tax rate as the County Executive proposed in the Advertised Budget. I believe this is a balanced approach to ensure that immediate needs for public schools, human services, housing, public safety, libraries, parks and employee compensation are funded while minimizing the impact on taxpayers. The stormwater tax rate will need to continue to increase over time to fund regulatory requirements and huge needs for maintenance of stormwater infrastructure as well as stream restoration. However, I do not believe it would be fiscally prudent to increase the stormwater tax revenues by a full penny this year, especially when there are so many other funding priorities that must be addressed.

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Budget: Public education is Fairfax County's number one funding priority. The County Executive recommended and the Board of Supervisors approved a \$74 million (4.5%) increase in the General Fund transfer to FCPS. The School Board will adopt its FY2013 Budget on May 24. The School Board's proposed budget includes funding to begin to address class size issues in the Dranesville District.

Human Services: I am pleased we were able to restore funding for many of the essential human services that were proposed to be eliminated or cut in the Advertised Budget. The need for these services has never been greater and the amendments we made to the Advertised Budget are critically important to meeting those needs.

Reserve for Human Services: The Board established a reserve of \$4.2 million to deal with short-falls that may be identified due to state and federal funding reductions. I am concerned that the reserve will be inadequate to fully fund essential services provided by the Community Services Board. I am particularly concerned that we adequately fund the Infant and Toddler Connection program and the Intellectual Disabilities day support and employment programs.

Employee Compensation: Over the past 4 years, our public safety and general county employees have made many sacrifices. Despite the fact that all costs, especially health insurance costs, have been rising, they have been asked to do more with fewer resources and without compensation increases. They have been our partners as we struggled to get through the great recession without making draconian cuts to the essential services our constituents need and expect. I am pleased we will, for the first time in 4 years, be able to fund reasonable compensation increases for them.

FY2012 Third Quarter Budget Review (Passed 10 to 0): I asked the Board to consider allocating \$1.5 million in higher than anticipated cable franchise fee revenue to be used to create a fund to support synthetic turf field development at high schools. Six other Board members agreed to join my request. I am pleased that the full Board has approved this Third Quarter Review item. This fund will be used to help leverage community efforts to install synthetic turf on high school fields. The funds will be available to match fundraising efforts of the school booster clubs, parents and community and will help close the gap between available funding and the actual costs of the fields. Herndon High School already has a synthetic turf stadium field. I expect the other two high schools located in the Dranesville District, McLean and Langley, will be eligible for grants from this fund.

FY2013-FY2017 Capital Improvement Program (Passed 10 to 0): Supervisor Mike Frey and I submitted a joint Board Matter asking staff to determine whether the amount of the 2012 Park Bond could be increased from the \$50 million originally proposed by staff to \$75 million. As we pointed out, the Park Bond initially proposed by staff was inadequate to meet the Park Authority's stewardship obligations and provide the recreational facilities needed by county residents. I am very pleased with the Board's decision to increase the amount of the bond that will go to referendum. I strongly encourage county voters to support the bond referendum in November.



Supervisor Foust and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova address Great Falls residents at one of the three public meetings held in Dranesville to review and receive public feedback on the proposed FY2013 Budget.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Approves Hiring of New County Executive Ed Long

At their April 10 meeting, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the hiring of former Deputy County Executive Ed Long to succeed County Executive Anthony Griffin.

Ed Long was an employee of Fairfax County for 34 years. He began as a Budget Analyst in August of 1977 and was the Deputy County Executive and Chief Financial Officer.

"Ed's knowledge of Fairfax County and the budget process will be invaluable as he fills this new role," said Board Chairman Sharon Bulova. "Ed brings to the table the institutional knowledge and extensive experience that will help make the transition to a new County Executive seamless."

"I am a huge Ed Long supporter," said Dranesville Supervisor John Foust. "His experience with the County, his expertise in fiscal matters, and his engaging personality almost guarantee that he will be a successful County Executive. I'm looking forward to working with him."

Metrorail Phase I Work Advances *Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Recommends Station Names*

Phase I of the Silver Line project, extending Metro service from East Falls Church through Tysons to Wiehle Ave. in Reston, is 70% complete and on schedule to open in late 2013. Commencement of Phase II, which would extend the rail line to the Dulles Airport and into Loudoun County, has been delayed while the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors evaluates whether Loudoun County will participate in the project.

The Phase I construction has caused dramatic changes to the Tysons Corner area with four new stations, an aerial guideway over the I-495 Beltway and rail bridges crossing along Rt. 7 corridor. The guideway, under construction since spring 2009, is expected to be completed within the next few months, thus ending the numerous beltway lane closures that were necessitated by its construction.

Meanwhile, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recommended the following names for the eight Silver Line stations in Fairfax County:

PHASE I:

McLean

(1824 Dolley Madison Boulevard)

Tysons Corner

(1943 Chain Bridge Rd.)

Greensboro

(8305 Leesburg Pike)

Spring Hill

(1576 Spring Hill Rd.)

Wiehle-Reston East

(1862 Wiehle Ave., Reston)

PHASE II:

Reston Town Center

(Near Route 267 and Reston Parkway)

Herndon

(Near Route 267 and Monroe Street)

Innovation Station

(Near Route 267, Route 28 and Innovation Avenue)

The recommendations must first be approved by the MWAA Board before they become official.

For more information on the Metrorail project please contact Cheryl Patten in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 356-0551 or by email at Cheryl.patten@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Express Lanes Construction on Schedule for December 2012 Completion

The construction period for the Express Lanes (formerly HOT Lanes) along the I-495 Beltway has remained on schedule. The project is now 90% complete and the new travel lanes are set to open to traffic in December 2012.

Motorists utilizing the Express Lanes will need to have an E-Z Pass transponder mounted on their windshields. Fees for driving the Express Lanes will be deducted automatically by monitors mounted over the roadway. This process allows drivers to maintain speed and eliminates delays caused by motorists queuing to pass through a toll plaza. The Express Lanes' objective is to provide users with the opportunity to drive the Beltway at a consistent 45 plus mph speed. To make this happen, the fees, described as "dynamic pricing", are adjusted based on the number of cars using the Express Lanes. When drivership is high, prices are raised, discouraging additional drivers from entering the lanes and enabling existing drivers to maintain the 45 mph or higher speed. A new E-Z Pass Flex transponder will allow buses and drivers with three or more passengers to press a switch on the transponder to indicate that the vehicle is an HOV and thereby entitled to travel the Express Lanes toll free.

As we approach the December completion date for the Express Lanes, area drivers can expect to see an increased educational campaign on their use, access points and how to obtain the appropriate E-Z Pass transponder.

Express Lanes Grant Program Ending Soon

The Express Lanes (formerly HOT Lanes) are nearing completion at which time the Transurban/Fluor Community Grant Program will also end. There are only three funding cycles left during which neighborhood and civic groups can apply for grants to contribute toward the costs of their community ventures. For example, homeowner associations representing areas immediately adjacent to the Beltway construction areas can file grant applications to subsidize the cost of new landscaping for their neighborhood. Schools and community groups are also invited to apply for grants to support for their projects and events.

The final funding cycles will conclude on June 30, September 30, and December 31, 2012. Grant applications can be found at: <http://www.495expresslanes.com/grant-program>.

Lewinsville Road Realignment Planned

With the near completion of the Express Lanes crews will be putting finishing touches on some of the required road projects over the next few months, including the new Lewinsville Road Bridge over the Beltway. The approaches on both the inner loop and outer loop of the bridge are being straightened and will soon be complete. To realign the roadway, Express Lanes had to first demolish the old bridge and finish work on the drainage and major utility relocation. In addition, a retaining wall had to be constructed on the northwestern bridge approach. Crews are in the process of reworking the entrance to the office building near the bridge on the inner loop side. Once that is complete new curbs, gutter and sidewalk will be installed.

For more information on the I-495 Express Lanes, please contact Cheryl Patten in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 356-0551 or by email at Cheryl.patten@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Construction Begins at Herndon-Monroe Parking Garage

Sections to Close and Re-open in Phases



The Herndon-Monroe Park and Ride garage, located at 12530 Sunrise Valley Drive, Herndon, is undergoing major structural repair and maintenance work that began on March 31. Commuters who use the 1,745-parking-space facility will be affected as areas of the garage will be blocked off in four phases for the construction project, with substantial completion of the work expected in September 2012.

As the construction moves from one phase to another, barriers and signs will be placed so that the construction areas are clearly defined. Notices will also be posted two weeks in advance of significant closings. Staff will be onsite between 7 a.m. and noon each weekday to assist customers. For detailed project information, customers should visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/parkandrides/closures.htm.

Each of the three stairwells will be closed at some point during construction, though only one stairwell will be closed at a time. The elevator will be shut down during phase three but will remain open throughout phases one, two and four. Overnight parking is prohibited in the garage. Vehicles parked overnight will be towed at the owner's expense.

The Dulles Toll Road entrance to the garage will be closed for approximately one week at the beginning of phase two. The Sunrise Valley Drive entrance to the garage will be closed for approximately one week at the beginning of phase three. The third floor exit to the ramp that leads to the westbound Dulles Toll Road will also be closed at some point during phase three, but not at the same time as the entrance. Commuters should proceed with caution inside the garage and watch for possible detours.

Approximately 450 of the 1,745 parking spaces will be unavailable during each phase. Parking alternatives for travel to West Falls Church Metrorail Station include:

- **Reston South Park and Ride:**
2531 Reston Parkway (near the intersection of Reston Parkway and Fox Mill Road); 412 spaces; served by Fairfax Connector routes 553, 557 and 585.
- **Sunset Hills Park and Ride:**
12050 Sunset Hills Road (near the intersection of Sunset Hills Road and Town Center Parkway); 603 spaces; served by Fairfax Connector routes 505 and 555.

Other commuting alternatives for Herndon-Monroe customers include:

- **Join a carpool or vanpool** - call Fairfax County's RideSources program for free ride-matching at (703) 877-5900, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/sources.htm.
- **Nuride** is a free, online carpool-matching service for temporary ride-sharing arrangements. For information, visit www.nuride.com.
- **Bike and Ride** – To learn how to use the bicycle racks on the Fairfax Connector, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/riders/bike.htm.
- **Kiss and Ride** - You can be dropped off at Herndon-Monroe's Kiss and Ride. The Kiss and Ride will also be available for limited parking (approximately 10 spaces) during the temporary closure.

For information call Ellen Kamilakis at (703) 877-5606, TTY 711.

Major Repaving Work on Fairfax County Parkway Begins This Month

This month VDOT begins paving the Dranesville District segment of Fairfax County Parkway, between Leesburg Pike (Route 7) and the Dulles Toll Road. Over the spring and summer, the Virginia Department of Transportation plans to repave 24 miles of the 32-mile, six-lane Fairfax County Parkway between Route 7 in Dranesville and Rolling Road in Springfield. The \$19 million maintenance project will take place mostly at night and on weekends, and will require lane closures and occasional detours.

While work began in April and is to be completed in October, the heaviest traffic impacts will be scheduled from June until Labor Day, when Fairfax County schools are out for the summer.

Sections of the Parkway that will not be repaved include the construction work zone area at Fairfax Lakes Parkway and locations that were paved in the last five years.

As part of another project for their paving season, VDOT will repave the Fairfax County section of Algonquian Parkway, extending north from Fairfax County Parkway.

For more information about the repaving project contact VDOT representatives Joan Morris at (703) 259-1799 or Jennifer McCord at (703) 259-1779.



Salona Task Force Update

The Salona Task Force is completing the information gathering portion of their agenda and will be working over the summer on organizing presentations for a public meeting this fall. **An evening meeting has been scheduled at the McLean Community Center on Thursday, October 4, 2012. The start time is yet to be determined.**

It is currently anticipated that the public meeting will have six stations with information about the various topics related to the Salona property that the Task Force has explored. Citizens will be invited to visit the stations and register their comments. Some of the topics covered will be:

- history and archeology
- environmental issues
- conditions of the conservation easement
- active and passive recreation
- green building
- educational opportunities
- parking/traffic

The Salona Task Force was jointly created by the County Park Authority and Supervisor John Foust for the purpose of working with the community and stake holders to identify, evaluate and recommend alternative uses for Salona Park. Minutes of previous Task Force meetings and other information about the Master Plan process for Salona Park can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/salonataskforce.htm>.

For additional information please contact Supervisor Foust's staff aide, Cheryl Patten at (703) 356-0551 or by email to Cheryl.Patten@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Jane Edmondson, Chief of Staff to Supervisor Foust, strolls along the new walkway and neighboring fence with Emilie and Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski.



Supervisor John Foust, Emilie and Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski stand near the Brzezinski residence and the new walkway.

New Springhill Road Walkway Completed

McLean area residents may notice a new section of trail and fence on the east side of Spring Hill Road between Pettit Court and the Veterans of Foreign Wars property. This new walkway is an important link to providing continuous pedestrian access between Tysons Corner, Spring Hill REC Center and Old Dominion Drive along Spring Hill Road.

The walkway was made possible by an easement granted by residents Emilie and Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski.

Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department Celebrates 70th Anniversary

This year, the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department (GFVFD) is celebrating 70 years of serving the residents of Great Falls.

Great Falls area residents join Supervisor Foust in thanking the GFVFD for the key role they played in replacing the aging fire station on Georgetown Pike with the new state of the art fire station that officially opened on March 10.

In 2001, the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department voted to replace its old station which was built in 1960. The building was undersized for current personnel and apparatus. In addition, it did not readily support the functional specialty of swift water rescue operations needed along the Potomac River. It also did not adequately meet County and State fire standards.

GFVFD hired architects and engineers to design the replacement station and began fund raising efforts. After five years of effort, GFVD realized that it would not reach its funding goal; so it pursued another approach: a partnership with the County. Under the terms of an agreement executed in 2007, GFVD deeded the land (valued at over \$2 million) to Fairfax County and its Fire and Rescue Department. All the parties agreed to cooperate in the planning, financing and construction of a new joint use fire station. The 2006 Public Safety Bond referendum provided the necessary construction funds. This funding, along with a contribution of \$850,000 in cash by the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department, meant that the project could move forward. Construction began in December 2010, and the station went operational on November 17, 2011. The volunteers also agreed to buy a very expensive new high tech medic unit.

Members of the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department will appear before the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on May 22 to be recognized for their determined efforts to see a new fire station constructed. A ceremony to recognize the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department's 70th anniversary will be held at the Fire Station on May 5.

New Great Falls Fire Station Formally Opens With March 10 Ceremony

On March 10, Great Falls area residents celebrated the official opening of the new 18,700 square-foot, drive-through, four-bay Great Falls Fire Station.

Construction of the station began in December 2010. The station became operational in November 2011.



Great Falls Citizens Association President Jackie Taylor with Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and Dranesville Supervisor John Foust.



The traditional "hose uncoupling," with the help of Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, John Foust, Dranesville Supervisor, Ronald Mastin, Fire Chief, Franklin Smith III, Volunteer Chief, Joan Bliss, Volunteer President and Jackie Taylor, President of the Great Falls Citizens Association.



Supervisors Foust and Hudgins ask for Formation of a Herndon Area Metro Pedestrian, Bicycle and Transit Access Advisory Group

At the April 10 meeting of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and Hunter Mill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins asked that a Herndon Metrorail Station Access Management Study (HMSAMS) Advisory Group be established with representatives from both magisterial districts in proximity of the two future Herndon area Metrorail Stations (at Route 28 and the Dulles Toll Road and at Monroe Street and the Dulles Toll Road). The purpose of the Station Access Management Study is to create a plan that identifies multimodal access challenges and possibilities to these Stations. The Supervisors' Board Matter initiating this request asked that County staff identify necessary funding and the proposed structure of such an advisory group.

With the approaching construction of Dulles Metrorail Phase 2, identifying necessary bus access, sidewalk and trail, and bicycle connectivity between the future Herndon area Metrorail stations and surrounding communities in the Herndon area is a high priority.

Previously, the Reston Metrorail Access Group (RMAG) and the Tysons Metrorail Station Access Management Study (TMSAMS) were similarly tasked to create multimodal access studies within the areas surrounding the future (respectively) Reston area and Tysons area Metrorail Stations. Both studies were successful in producing community-vetted, prioritized recommendations. Currently Fairfax County Department of Transportation staff is reviewing the list of TMSAMS recommendations for feasibility with respect to available right-of-way, proffer agreements or other obstacles.

For additional information about the proposed HMSAMS Advisory Group or the completed TMSAMS and RMAG studies contact Julie Ide in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 356-0551.

Additional Accessible Parking at Dolley Madison Library

Supervisor Foust is pleased to announce that work is completed on four additional accessible parking spaces at Dolley Madison Library. The work included eradication of existing lines for some parking spaces and then restriping the area to create ADA accessible spaces and aisles. New signs and wheel stops were also added. Parking spaces for fuel efficient/hybrid cars were relocated to other locations within the parking lot. There are two additional accessible spaces located in the lower end of the parking lot at the entrance to McLean Central Park.

"The new library is wonderful but the limited number of accessible parking spaces made it difficult for some of our residents to comfortably use the facility. I asked that this problem be addressed and I am very pleased that county staff was able to reconfigure existing parking spaces to create a total of seven accessible spaces at the front of the library," said Supervisor Foust.



Dranesville Photo Gallery



Old Dominion Drive and Whittier Avenue.



Old Dominion Drive and Whittier Avenue.

Pedestrian Signals and Crosswalks Installed at Old Dominion Drive and Whittier Avenue

McLean area pedestrians may have noticed improvements to the intersection of Old Dominion Drive and Whittier Avenue.

Fairfax County recently completed the installation of new crosswalks, pedestrian signals and a “pork-chop” median. This improvement is a big step toward improving the safety of pedestrians in the McLean Commercial District.

Final Touches Completed at Westmoreland Street Intersections

Crosswalk and median pavement are now painted and signs are installed at four intersections on Westmoreland Street in McLean.

The intersections and their modifications are:

- **Westmoreland Street and Bonheim Court:** Install raised pedestrian refuge median on Westmoreland in the middle of the existing crosswalk. Revamp crosswalk with new signs and striping. Install two ADA curb cuts. Restrict some on-street parking.
- **Westmoreland Street and Lemon Road:** Move crosswalk to improve site distance. Install curb ramps, new striping and new signage.
- **Westmoreland Street and Southridge Drive:** Install raised pedestrian refuge median on Westmoreland in the middle of the existing crosswalk. Revamp crosswalk with new signs and striping. Install two ADA curb cuts.
- **Westmoreland Street entrance to McLean High School:** Brighter crosswalk markings spanning entrance.



Westmoreland Street and Bonheim Court

Additional projects are underway to improve safety along Westmoreland Street.



New “Wink-O-Matics” on Westmoreland alert drivers to upcoming entrance to McLean

Wink-O-Matics Installed at Westmoreland Entrance to McLean High School

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) recently installed two “Wink-O-Matics” approximately 600 feet north and south of the Westmoreland Street entrance to McLean High School.

The new devices have yellow lights that blink during school arrival and dismissal periods, to alert drivers that speed limits have been lowered to 25 mph. There are also “END SCHOOL ZONE” signs opposite each “Wink-O-Matic” facing the opposite direction, indicating when the 25 mph zone ends.

This improvement was made in response to community concerns about the ongoing student pedestrian safety issues at this location.

For more information about these and other County transportation projects in Dranesville contact Julie Ide in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 356-0551 or by email at Julie.Ide@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Recognitions

Community Appearance Alliance Honors Herndon Runnymede Bio-Ponds

On March 8, the Community Appearance Alliance of Northern Virginia (CAA) held its Annual Awards Presentation and Reception.

Winning from Dranesville was the **Town of Herndon for Runnymede Bio-Ponds**. CAA recognized the project for enhancing the community appearance by incorporating functional and aesthetically pleasing storm water remediation elements and by increasing the amount and diversity of plants and the extent of tree canopy along the Herndon Parkway.

The Award Winning Projects were the result of extensive planning and team work that extended over many years and reflected the importance of environmental awareness, historic preservation and community commitment. They illustrate major contributions to the aesthetic appearance of Northern Virginia.

The Community Appearance Alliance of Northern Virginia, which is celebrating its 25th year, continues its tradition of recognizing outstanding projects that make a positive contribution to the visual quality of our region. The program was under the direction of the CAA's Vice-President for Awards, Lucia Hall, and the Awards were presented by John Muse, CAA's President.



Herndon receives award for its bio-retention pond at Runnymede Park. L-R: Bob Boxer, Herndon director of Public Works; Steve DeBenedictis, Herndon Mayor; and John Muse, President, Community Appearance Alliance.

MCC Honors 2011 Outstanding Volunteers

The McLean Community Center's (MCC) 8th Annual Volunteer Appreciation awards were presented at a reception held on March 25.

The 2011 H. Gordon Randall Outstanding Volunteer awards were presented to **Joann Berkson** and **Dick La Porte** for their volunteer contributions to MCC programs. MCC Special Events Director Sam Roberts and MCC Governing Board Vice-Chair Risa Sanders presented the recipients with the awards.

For more information on volunteer opportunities at the Center or the volunteer awards, contact the Center at (703) 790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit: <http://www.mcleancenter.org/contact/involved.asp>.



MCC Executive Director George Sachs, Joann Berkson, Richard La Porte, MCC Governing Board Vice Chair Risa Sanders and MCC Special Events Director Sam Roberts.

Dolley Madison Library Receives Green Building Certification

Fairfax County's Dolley Madison Library has earned the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

The county worked collaboratively with the local community to maintain a compact environmental footprint that would allow the facility to blend into the parkland that surrounds it. The 19,000-square-foot facility also incorporates a number of "green" features that will strive to reduce energy usage by about 20 percent and water usage by about 30 percent per year when compared to conventionally-designed buildings of its size.

Key green design features include low-flow and sensor-operated toilets and faucets, energy-efficient lighting fixtures, large windows to maximize natural lighting and the installation of a "green" roof.

The library, located next to a Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Area, is the first in Fairfax County to utilize a "green" roof. Vegetation covers approximately one-third of the building and provides a number of environmental benefits, including:

- Reducing the amount of stormwater that runs into streams, rivers and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.
- Absorbing air pollution and carbon dioxide.
- Reducing the energy needed to cool the building in the summer.

The Dolley Madison Library is the eleventh county building to receive certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. It is the sixth gold-rated county building, and is the third library to achieve this status.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted a green building policy for county facilities in 2008. The policy requires that buildings with more than 10,000 square feet be constructed to meet minimum green building standards, if not exceed them. The policy applies to the design and construction of new county buildings and renovations or additions to existing county buildings.

For more information contact Ben Boxer with Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services at (703) 324-5253, TTY 711.



Mayor's Volunteer Appreciation Night Honors Herndon Citizen and Corporate Volunteer Achievements

On Sunday, April 15 over 425 volunteers were honored for their service to the Town of Herndon from 38 different service organization and groups. Each of these honorees contributed 100 hours or more of volunteer service in the community last year. The 28th Annual Mayor's Volunteer Appreciation Night was held at the Herndon Community Center.

Citizens joined Herndon's Mayor, Steve J. DeBenedittis, members of the Town Council, Supervisor John W. Foust, and Delegate Thomas Rust in celebrating the spirit of volunteerism. The evening's keynote speaker was Andrew Horn, Social Entrepreneur and Advocate.

Each year the town honors up to three Distinguished Volunteers for demonstrating exemplary levels of service over several years or in projects which required significant levels of leadership, service and effort. Distinguished Service Awards went to:

- **Bob Ashdown**, who has served in several capacities for 40 years as a LINK volunteer and helped propel LINK to succeed and grow into an organization that serves over 7,000 individuals in Herndon, Sterling, and Ashburn. His impact on the Town of Herndon and other areas is unsurpassed.
- Husband and wife team, **Anthony and Marcia DiTripiani**, who have been active in the communities of Herndon and Reston since they first moved to the area in 1969. Both have worked tirelessly for Herndon Reston FISH, including Marcia's service as President for five years.
- **Dave Kirby**, who currently volunteers planning the American Legion's Memorial Day and Veteran's Day services, managing the Legion's festival booth and volunteering for Friday Night Live for over five years, plus serving as a Board member of Herndon Hospitality Association.

The Distinguished Corporate Service Award awards two businesses or corporations that contributed to the town through outstanding commitment to, or promotion of, the town for the greater good of Herndon. Distinguished Corporate Service Awards went to:

- **Maude's Hair Salon** for donating time and services for activities that include cut-a-thons, fundraising drives, helping the homeless, a teen fashion show and support to the "No Mother Left Behind" campaign by donating beauty products, candles, and hair tools to over 300 women in our community to help ensure that mothers can look and feel beautiful during the holidays.
- **Virginia Dominion Power** for their 20 year partnership with Herndon-Reston FISH to prevent the electricity in the homes of people in crisis from being discontinued.

The Mayor's Volunteer Appreciation Night is held annually in conjunction with National Volunteer Week, which is sponsored nationwide by the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network.



*Distinguished Service winner Bob Ashdown
with Mayor Steve DeBenedittis.*

Announcements

Countywide Transit Network Study Begins

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation is beginning the Countywide Transit Network Study to determine the type of transit systems needed to accommodate desired economic growth throughout the county over the next several decades. The study, expected to be completed Summer 2013, will develop recommendations for where Metrorail should be extended, where streetcar or light-rail systems are appropriate, and where dedicated lanes that allow buses to move faster could go. The study will also recommend how the system can be phased in and funded over time.

The purpose of the Countywide Transit Network Study is to establish a network of high quality transit corridors in a cost-effective way. This network will serve the county's needs to accommodate planned growth over the long term. The study seeks to answer the following questions within three major categories:

- **Determine future countywide transit needs:** Which highway corridors show a very high level of congestion in future? What quality of transit service do we need? Where do we need exclusive right-of-way?
- **Determine travel markets:** Which of the county's activity centers have the highest level of travel demand to, from, within, or between them?
- **Determine countywide connected transit network:** Where are there gaps in the network? Where should connections occur? How well are the needs to move people and goods and to support economic growth being served?

Take the online survey for the Countywide Transit Network Study at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3BJ9RV6>.

To send comments or questions regarding the Countywide Transit Network Study using an email form or to sign up to receive notices relating to the Countywide Transit Network Study, visit the study website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/2050transitstudy/contact.htm>.

See other local or regional comprehensive plans at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/2050transitstudy/resources.htm>.

For more information call Ellen Kamilakis at (703) 877-5606, TTY 711.

The Commission for Women Seeking Student Representative

The Fairfax County Commission for Women is seeking a college or high school student interested in serving on the Commission from September 2012 through May 2014. The student will serve as a voting member, aid the Commission in gaining perspective on issues facing young women and serve as a conduit of information to peer groups and student organizations.

Applicants must be:

- Residents of Fairfax County who attend school in Fairfax County.
- College students enrolled in at least one college-level class not entering their senior year in the Fall of 2012 or High School students that are sophomores or juniors in the Fall of 2012.

Resumé and statement must be received by May 15, 2012. For more information on how to apply for this position please call (703) 324-9498, TTY 711 or email Michelle Mueller at Michelle.Mueller@fairfaxcounty.gov.

McLean Community Center Governing Board Elections at McLean Day on May 19

Elections for the 2012 McLean Community Center (MCC) Governing Board will take place at McLean Day on Saturday, May 19 in Lewinsville Park. McLean Small District 1A residents will be voting to fill three adult board positions and two youth board seats.

The MCC Governing Board is responsible for setting policy and supervising day to day operations at the MCC. The Governing Board and staff of the McLean Community Center strongly encourage all qualified residents to vote for members of the McLean Community Center 2012-2013 Governing Board. Your vote sends a very important message of your support of the Center's programs and services.

When and Where:

Vote between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the McLean Day 2012 festival. (See below.)



Voting Requirements:

- **Adults:** Any Small District 1A resident who is 18 years or older by McLean Day is eligible to vote in the elections. Adult candidates may vote for up to 3 adult candidates.
- **Teens:** Any Small District 1A resident who is 15 through 17 years of age by McLean Day is eligible to vote in the elections. Teens may vote for one youth candidate from each high school boundary area.
- **Absentee Voting:** Residents may choose to vote by absentee ballot. Applications for Absentee Ballot packages will be available at the MCC, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, Virginia, 22101 beginning on Monday, April 9. Applications for Absentee Ballot packages may be requested in-person, by email at elections@mcleancenter.org, or by telephone at (703) 744-9348. The deadline for returning a completed and signed Application for Absentee Ballot to the McLean Community Center is May 16 at 5 p.m.

Election Results:

Election results will be posted on the door of the MCC on the evening of the elections.

For questions about the boundaries of Small District 1A or any other aspect of the MCC Governing Board and its elections, please contact the MCC at (703) 744-9348 or email elections@mcleancenter.org.

McLean Day 2012 is Just Around the Corner! *Celebrate the McLean Community at Lewinsville Park!*

**Saturday, May 19
Lewinsville Park
1659 Chain Bridge Road
McLean**

No admission fee.

Festival and Rides: 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

MCC Governing Board Elections Voting: 10:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Limited parking. Shuttle buses available.



- Wander around and visit booths manned by local businesses, non-profit groups and crafters showcasing their wares.
- Meet your neighbors and friends.
- See the great line-up of live entertainment on stage.
- Rides are located throughout the park, many of the ones for younger kids are free! Free pony rides draw a line all day for the little ones.
- Visit the midway with games and huge carnival rides (for a modest fee).
- Enjoy delicious carnival foods and more substantial offerings for lunch.

For more information contact the McLean Community Center at (703) 790-0123.



How to Report a Streetlight Outage

Streetlights in Fairfax County are maintained by either Dominion Virginia Power or Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC). The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) operates the streetlights along interstates and at major interchanges.

When reporting an outage, you will need to have the location of the pole and the pole number. To assist you in locating the number, a map of streetlights is available through My Neighborhood. (See below for step-by-step directions.)

- To report a streetlight outage to Dominion Virginia Power, call 1-866-DOM-HELP (366-4357), TTY 711.
- To report a streetlight outage to NOVEC, report the outage [online](#) or call 1-888-335-0500, TTY 711.
- To report a streetlight outage at major interchanges or a traffic light problem, call VDOT at 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623), TTY 711.

If you need additional information or assistance, please contact the Fairfax County [Capital Facilities Planning and Design Division](#), (703) 324-5800, TTY 711.

To view the streetlights map:

- Go to [My Neighborhood](#) (this will open a new window).
- Type in the address in the search boxes. Be sure to type the street number in the first box, street name in the second box, and the type (drive, circle, avenue, etc.) in the third box using the drop down menu. Then click “Search.”
- Next, under the “Available Map Types” using the drop down menu select “Streetlights.”
- Use the “Zoom” tool to view the pole number of a specific streetlight.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to Hold Public Hearing on Six-Year Improvement Program

VDOT’s Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will be conducting regional public hearings to give citizens an opportunity to review and provide comments on projects and programs to be included in the Fiscal Year 2013-2018 Six-Year Improvement Program, including highway, rail and public transportation initiatives. These projects and programs represent important improvements to address safety, congestion, and preservation of Virginia’s transportation network.

VDOT will hold several state-wide meetings in April and May to provide an opportunity for the public to weigh in on which of these projects they feel are the highest priority for the state’s limited transportation funds.

Northern Virginia regional meeting details:

May 3 at 6:00 p.m.
Potomac Conference Center
Virginia Department of Transportation
4975 Alliance Drive
Fairfax

Written comments may also be submitted during the hearing or sent by email to Six-YearProgram@VDOT.virginia.gov.
Mail your comments to:

Program Director
Virginia Department of Transportation
1401 E. Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

For more information contact VDOT’s Northern Virginia Public Affairs Manager, Joan Morris, at Joan.Morris@VDOT.virginia.gov or (703) 259-1799.

Feedback Sought On Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Facilities

Fairfax County residents are invited to provide input for a long-term strategic plan that will help Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) prepare for critical facilities issues facing the school system in the next decade, including increasing enrollment, the availability of space to meet needs, and adequate funding to meet maintenance, renovation, and construction needs. The School-Board appointed Facilities Planning Advisory Council (FPAC) is developing the new strategic plan and encourages parents and all residents to participate in community meetings. Two meetings were held in April and two more will take place in May::

Tuesday, May 22, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Whitman Middle School cafeteria, Alexandria

Tuesday, May 22, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Robinson Secondary School blue cafeteria, Fairfax

The facilities strategic plan is driven by issues identified in FPAC's careful evaluation of the current conditions and input from residents at a series of listening tours FPAC held in spring and fall 2011: space utilization (enrollment, capacity, and programs), operations and maintenance, capital improvement, community use, and communications.

Those interested in attending any of the community sessions can register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FPACstrategicplancommunitymeetings>.

Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library Holds Used Book Sales

Looking for summer beach books? Buy inexpensive books for the summer at the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library Used Book Sales. Choose from nearly 10,000 books and media at prices ranging from 25 cents to 4 dollars.

Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library

7584 Leesburg Pike

Falls Church

Cash and Checks only. Credit Cards not accepted

Sale Dates:

Saturday, June 2, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 3, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

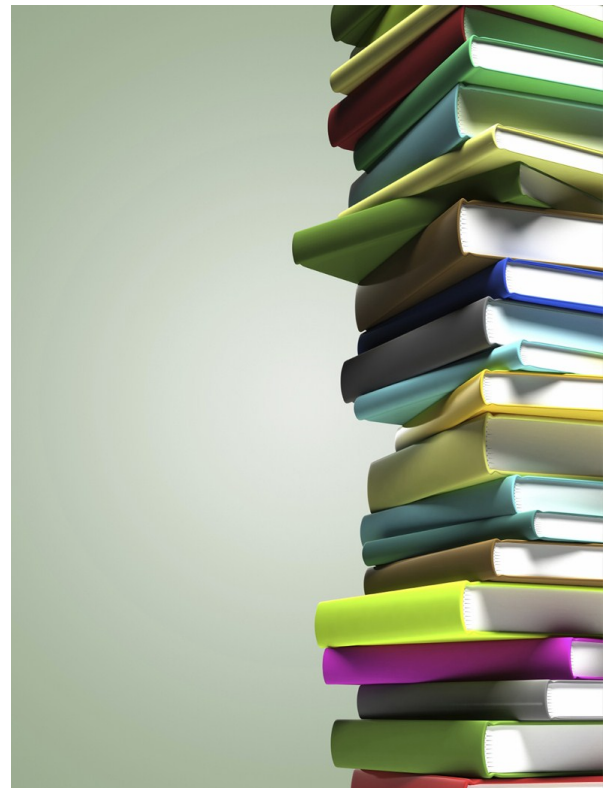
Saturday, August 4, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 5, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 1, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 2, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For more information call the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library at (703) 790-8088.



Herndon Fortnightly Club Announces Deadline for Scholarship Opportunity

The Herndon Fortnightly Club as part of its continuous policy of giving back to the community is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for one-year scholarships to individuals living in the greater Herndon area. Eligible candidates must be accepted for entrance or enrolled in an educational institution before applying for a scholarship. Qualifying coursework includes under graduate college level, post graduate, continuing education and coursework required for reentering the workforce.

To apply for the scholarship Candidates should write a one-page letter, without attachments, explaining why the scholarship is needed, what career goals are being pursued and what academic institution has or will provide acceptance. Also included should be comments relating to activities, community service and academic standing. Past recipients of Fortnightly scholarships are not eligible for further consideration.

The letter with your name, address and phone number should be sent to Scholarship, c/o The Herndon Fortnightly Club, P.O. Box 55, Herndon, VA 20172-0055. **Application letters must be received by May 24, 2012.**

Homeowners Urged to Remove Destructive English Ivy From Trees

Hedera helix, or English ivy, is a common site in the natural areas of Fairfax County. Widely planted, it is often thought of as a beautiful, evergreen groundcover. However, English ivy is an invasive species.

English ivy has been linked to loss of diversity because of its growth habitat - a vine that smothers the understory. English ivy has also grown into the tree canopy, weighing down trees, shading out the leaves and damaging tree health. Vines in general become especially aesthetically unpleasant and can make a high quality natural area appear to be in bad shape.

Invasive species are widely considered to be the second worst cause of ecosystem function degradation (the first is habitat loss). Healthy ecosystems provide better air quality, better water quality, more opportunities for wildlife and plant diversity, and more opportunities to discover something new. In Fairfax County, with less than 10% of the land protected in natural areas, it is even more important that our natural areas are able to function as best they can.

Take the time to assess the area around your house. Can you spot English ivy creeping up the trees? Now is a great time of year to remove it. Replant now with a mix of less invasive, native ground covers like ferns, spring beauty, Dutchman's breeches and trillium.

